

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee** held on Monday 3 February 2020 at 7.00pm at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: T Cordery, I Flay, S Fleetham, M Parkes, Miss K Stamp, N Wellstead.

Officers: Mrs Tina Dudley (Acting Town Clerk), Miss Susan Denton (Notetaker)

369 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

370 Declarations of interest

Cllr Fleetham declared an interest in respect of Agenda item 8) Dog Waste Bins.

371 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

372 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Parkes informed Members that he would raise the issue of Ferndown's town centre regeneration at the full meeting of Dorset Council on 18 February 2020.

The Acting Town Clerk updated Members on the actions from the previous meeting:

The BID have agreed to increase their service level agreement in respect of the Lengthsman's services.

A quote has been received today for a replacement town map for the millennium noticeboard and details will be brought to the next meeting.

The Lengthsman has clarified that there are two bins at Dugdell; one is a waste bin owned by the Town Council and the other a dog waste bin owned by Dorset Waste Partnership.

The Lengthsman has advised that there is a commemorative World War plaque on the planter in the lay-by after The Angel. Members agreed that it should therefore remain in situ.

The Lengthsman has confirmed that the Town Council is responsible for the flower displays on Sainsbury's roundabout.

The Clerk advised that a polycarbonate panel has been replaced in the bus shelter at Wimborne Road East/Ameysford Road.

The Clerk advised that details and costings for shelters/seats for two bus stops on Heatherlands will be brought to the next meeting.

Following consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020 it was PROPOSED by Cllr Wellstead, SECONDED by Cllr Miss Stamp and unanimously –

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 18 November 2019.

373 Minutes of Traffic Working Parties

Members noted the notes of the Traffic Working Parties held on 21 October 2019 and 9 December 2019.

374 Ferndown Youth Centre

Aaron Fellows, Youth Worker-in-Charge, provided a written and verbal report to Members. He advised that there is just one Youth Worker vacancy now for three hours per week. Members raised the issue of some youths expressing unacceptable behaviour in sessions and Aaron advised that he would like to be in a position to offer more activities so as to engage and enthuse the young people.

The Chairman thanked Aaron and his team for their work at the Youth Centre and asked him to attend every other meeting of this committee to provide an update.

375 Financial Budget Comparison Report 01 Apr 19 – 22 Jan 2020

Members noted that CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) no longer rented space within the Youth Centre.

The Financial Budget Comparison Report was noted.

376 Dog Waste Bins

Requests for dog bins had been received from residents of Coppins Close as well as the Beaufoys Court Management Committee. Members requested that a review of current bins is carried out and brought back to the next meeting, to enable them to see a full picture of the situation. The Clerk will write to the residents advising them that the Council will respond after this review.

377 Use of Delegated Authority

The Chairman advised that just two weeks before Christmas it had been necessary for the Vice-Chairman, Mayor and himself to agree the repair and replacement of some damaged Christmas lights in the town. Members were unanimously in favour of this use of delegated authority.

378 Dugdell Play Park

The Clerk advised Members that a fresh quote would be brought to the next meeting as a new inspection had been needed due to a delay between the first inspection and the receipt of a settlement from the insurers.

379 Task and Finish Group – Christmas Lights

Members agreed in principle that a Task and Finish Group should be formed but agreed that this item be brought back to the first meeting of this Committee in the new municipal year. Members were mindful that there may be more information about the town centre regeneration at this time.

380 Action Plan

Members considered the Action Plan

i) Ford Lane

Members agreed that a Task and Finish Group should be formed comprising Cllr Cordery, Cllr Parkes and Cllr Miss Stamp. The Mayor should be invited to the group as an *ex-officio* member.

ii) Dugdell Play Park

Members agreed to include this in the above Task and Finish Group.

iii) Youth Centre

After the Youth Worker-in-Charge's earlier comprehensive report, Members agreed that consideration to a Task and Finish Group should be deferred until later on in the calendar year.

iv) Town Centre Regeneration

Cllr Parkes advised that, as reported earlier in this meeting, he will keep this issue on Dorset Council's agenda.

v) Amenities

Members agreed that a review of bus shelters, noticeboards, bins and street furniture should take place in more clement weather.

vi) Lengthsman

The Clerk advised Members on the daily tasks undertaken by the Lengthsman. It was suggested that a Task and Finish Group may be necessary in the future to review this as Members highlighted the importance of the Town Council not taking

on tasks that should be completed by Dorset Highways. It was noted that the Town Council's Lengthsman can issue the S154 form to residents whose hedge encroaches on the pavement, but Members queried whether Dorset Highways followed this up as they should.

vii) Footways/Cycleways

The Chairman advised that currently two thirds of the footways and cycleways are waterlogged and unpassable. He will bring a list of them to the next meeting. Each Member will be asked to inspect those that fall within their own ward. If any Member has a difficulty in carrying out the inspection, they should inform Cllr Cordery.

381 Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

382 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee will take place on Monday 6 April 2020 at 7pm in the Barrington Centre, Ferndown.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Chairman